



TREES DOWN

If a tree falls in downtown New Liskeard does anybody hear? Of course people working and shopping in the downtown core last week heard the two large oak trees near the New Liskeard Library on Wellington Street being cut down. Declining health of the trees and public safety were the reasons why the City of Temiskaming Shores hired Jamie Birch (pictured) of J. Birch Tree Service to take down the trees. The City plans on replacing the downed trees with new ones in the spring. Fred Mackewn of South Wab Sawmill has offered to make a bench and a table with the wood as a gift to the City. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

#25 in Canada

However, high rank doesn't tell the full story

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES
- Temiskaming Shores

received a high rank in a national survey, but not in a good way. *Maclean's Magazine* compiled Statistics Canada Crime Severity Index numbers from 2016 and found Temiskaming Shores is number 25 in the country as one of the most dangerous places to live. Ontario Provincial Police Temiskaming Detach-



Brent Cecchini

ment Inspector Brent Cecchini noted that he is not confident that the numbers used exclusively related to Temiskaming Shores.

"However, I'm going to treat it that way, and we'll adjust the way we do things."

The numbers provided by Statistics Canada are from police-reported crime.

Temiskaming Shores Mayor Carman Kidd said he would have preferred

Continued on page 7a

"Here for the long haul"

Charging ahead in the search for cobalt

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - The search for cobalt is a long-term project. That was the topic of a presentation by First Cobalt exploration company at the Cobalt Community Hall Tuesday, November 28.

With global business preferences turning away from cobalt produced from the Democratic Republic of Congo, due to human rights issues, exploration has intensified in other locations as the electric car and battery industry revs up.

First Cobalt vice-president of exploration Frank Santaguida explained to a gathering of about 50 people

that around 65 per cent of the world's production of cobalt comes from the Congo.

Canada provides about three to four per cent of world production, he said.

Used in Lithium-ion batteries that power electric cars, cobalt will provide a high charge, he said.

"Your cars can go further when they use cobalt."

First Cobalt president and chief executive officer Trent Mell told the gathering the company is "here for the long haul."

The exploration outfit envisions a bulk mining process for the extraction of cobalt from the area.

However, a suitable site has not yet been identified.

Continued on page 2a

2009 GM SIERRA 1500

Extended cab, 4x4,
all popular options, only 88,000 km

\$13,999



BILL MATHEWS MOTORS
New Liskeard, ON 705-647-4393

TEMISKAMING
PHARMASAVE

NOW OPEN! 240 Shepherdson Road, New Liskeard
pharmasave.com | 705-647-4617

"Here for the long haul"

Charging ahead in the search for cobalt

Continued from A Front

"These things do take a bit of time," said Mell.

OPEN-PIT MINING

The company is aiming for an open-pit mine.

"Our focus really has been trying to find open-pittable op-

portunities," Mell said. "There could be other opportunities."

The open-pit process will allow a mining company to take all low-grade as well as high-grade ores in an area, he explained.

However, the time when a

mine will be in operation is expected to be about ten years in the future, he said.

"If lucky, eight."

The company plans to use an open-pit mine to extract cobalt from historic underground mine properties.

First Cobalt expects to be spending \$5 to \$6 million in the year ahead as they continue exploration in the Cobalt Mining Camp area.

Santaguida said there will be a winter drilling program.

"2018 is going to be a big year for us."

First Cobalt has now merged with two other exploration companies - Cobalt One and CobaltTech. The merger opens up 100 square kilometres of land to explore, stretching from Haileybury and North Cobalt in the north to the former Silver Centre in Lorrain Valley to the south.

Some mine names mentioned include the Keeley-Frontier mine, Silverfields, Kerr Lake and Lawson, Bellellen, the Drummond mine near Kerr Lake, Caswell, Silver Banner, Ophir, Juno and Silver Banner mines and the Maiden Lake area.

The merger will "make our company the largest cobalt exploration company in the world," Mell continued.

The Yukon Refinery near North Cobalt is also part of the company's holdings.

MUCKPILES

Business development vice-



First Cobalt representatives were at the Cobalt Community Hall to outline their company's activities and plans. From left to right are business development vice-president Peter Campbell, exploration vice-present Dr. Frank Santaguida, and president and chief executive officer Trent Mell. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

president Peter Campbell outlined the company's interest in the potential of materials in area muck piles.

The muck piles are "scattered around every place you look," he said.

Past mining companies were looking for high-grade silver ores, but discarded other materials. If it is found the muck piles would be economical for extraction, processing could be occurring as soon as one year from now.

Campbell stated the Canadiana mill at the north end of Giroux Lake could handle processing. Silver doré and perhaps cobalt could be produced to generate cash flow, he said.

It is not feasible that the Yukon Refinery will open "any time soon," Campbell said.

"Primarily, it's too small for

most commercial purposes."

However, the site is valuable for its permitted tailings facility, he said. "Having that asset lets us explore the opportunity we have with these muck piles."

The company is looking for local stories regarding observations or experiences that could assist in the search. Santaguida said the company also wants to hear any concerns people have about the process.

Mell said the company is gathering all data that exists on the area.

He noted there are 12 other exploration companies working in the area.

"There's a lot of eyes on the commodity and this town," he said.

Mell started his career as a Bay Street lawyer. He went on to join Barrick Gold Corporation, and worked with a number of base metal and precious metal producers. From president and chief executive officer of Falco Resources of Rouyn-Noranda, he went on to AuRico Gold and was part of the team that opened the Young-Davidson mine near Matachewan.



ACTIVE AGING SERIES Nordic Pole Walking

Pole Walking is a combination of regular walking with some aspects of cross country skiing regarding upper body movements. Those who enjoy regular pole walking have had improvements in stability, mobility and posture. Pole Walking uses 90% of your muscles & burns up to 46% more calories than standard walking. The company 'Urban Poling' states that every kilometre travelled while Pole Walking is equivalent to 1,000 abdominal crunches!

Things to remember when exercising with Nordic Poles: Keep your eyes up, and head in the centre of your shoulders; Keep your shoulders level; Keep hips level with shoulders & ground; Keep knees pointed forward and shoulder width apart; Keep ankles in the centre of your foot.

The terms 'Urban Poling', 'Nordic Pole Walking' & 'Pole Walking' can be used interchangeably. Regardless of the term used, this activity is beneficial for individuals of all ages and activity levels. Try out the poles on your own or socialize with friends while doing this workout.

WHERE, WHEN, COST & WHO TO CONTACT?

Poles are available for loan from both branches of the Temiskaming Shores Public Library. 50 Whitewood Ave. New Liskeard (705) 647-4215. 545 Lakeshore Rd. Haileybury (705) 672-3707.

COST: There is no cost to borrowing a set of Nordic Poles from the Library (a library card is needed). If you're interested in purchasing poles, you can do so at many locations in the area and prices will vary.

Following the success of the initial 'Nordic Pole Walking Workshops' in September 2017, future workshops will be advertised in the 'Active Aging Series' as dates are confirmed.

Try Pole Walking while getting your steps in during 'Age Friendly Indoor Walking' Every week until the last week of March 2018

5:30-7:00pm at TDSS on Wednesdays & 9:00-10:30am at Northern College Gym on Fridays FREE!

Note: at this time, both locations are allowing participants to use Nordic Poles provided they have the rubber boots on the bottom of the poles (this permission is subject to change based on the facilities wishes)

Age Friendly Coffee Hour

Please join us next week on Monday at 10:30am at the Pool & Fitness Centre or Tuesday at 2:00pm at the Leisure Inn!

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS:

December 11/12: Vision Loss (CNIB/INCA)

December 18/19: Temiskaming Home Support, Meals on Wheels

Age Friendly Volunteers Needed!

If you're interested in becoming a part of the Age Friendly movement and would like further information on how to get involved, please contact Danielle at

dcovello@temiskamingshores.ca or 705-672-3363 ext.4106

ACTIVE AGING SERIES DRAW

Dec. 6 Topic:

Dec. 20 Topic:

Age:

Name:

Phone Number:

Please fill out and drop off this ballot at Temiskaming Shores City Hall or the Pool & Fitness Centre by January 15, 2018 for the chance to be entered into a draw for your choice of the following:
Set of Nordic Walking Poles
Punch card to the Pool & Fitness Centre
Punch card for Aquafitness class
Among other great prizes!

This column has been made possible due to funding by the

We're looking forward to being able to share all of the great things happening in our community!

Ontario Sports and Recreation Communities Fund

City of Ville de Temiskaming Shores

150 Minutes of Exercise Each Week!

The best way to reduce your risk of falling is to be physically active. Choose an activity you enjoy so you'll do it regularly.

Stay Active, Stay Independent and Stay On Your Feet.



Services de santé du TEMISKAMING Health Unit

www.temiskaminghu.com



"NEW LOCATION"

12 Whitewood Ave.,
New Liskeard

Calendar of events for our **OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, December 7 -
Demo & lecture on the Brother Scan 'n Cut from 4 pm to 6pm

Friday, December 8 & Saturday, December 9
Meet the Brother reps & the owner Mike D'Amour, try the machines & make a free project.

24/7

Early morning.
Mid-afternoon.
Late night.

705.647.6791